

Eggman House
Potter Street between Belmont and Kings Highway
Haddonfield, Camden County, New Jersey

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Owner: Minerva E. Andrews

Date of Erection: 1819-1824

Architect:

Builder: James Dobbins

Present Condition: Good

Number of Stories: Two and one-half

Materials of Construction: Foundation - stone

Exterior walls - frame
construction, clapboards

Interior walls - plaster

Inside brick chimneys

Roof - pitch with dormers

Historical Data:

The land upon which the Eggman House is built was sold by Benjamin and Ann Bispham to James Dobbins in 1819. On August 26, 1824 James and Rebecca Dobbins sold "all that certain two story frame dwelling house and lot" to Franklin Eggman. Samuel Nicholson and Samuel Reeves, assignees of Franklin Eggman, sold the property to Samuel C. Thackara on March 1, 1837. Thackara was a descendant

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of one of the first families to settle in Old Gloucester County. Charles Thackara, the executor of the will of Benjamin, probably a grandson of Samuel C. Thackara, sold the house to Henry M. and Maria Albright in 1913. In 1932, Maria H. Albright sold it to Sarah W. Mortland who in the following year sold it to the present owner.

There has been a local tradition that Captain James Lawrence of "Don't give up the ship" fame lived in this house when he was an old man. However, since Lawrence was mortally wounded in action in 1813 at least six years before the house was built, the story is without foundation.

Bibliography:

Field book and drawings of the survey

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